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Title: EXTRUDED AUTOMOTIVE TRIM AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed September 27, 2001, please further  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

-- 33. (New) A method of making a trim product, the method comprising:

extruding a colored layer including color pigment material;

providing a substantially transparent clear coat layer over the colored layer;

providing at least one tie layer between the colored layer and the substantially

transparent clear coat layer, wherein the tie layer includes color pigment material therein;